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DECONTAMINATION PROCESS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.01 and 6 mol.l⁻¹.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.03 and 0.6 mol.l⁻¹.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, in which contact is made at a temperature of between 5 and 50 °C.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) Process for decontaminating circuits in nuclear fuel reprocessing plants, in which the said process comprises the implementation of a process according to claim 1.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS:

13. Process according to claim 2, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.01 and 6 mol.l⁻¹.

14. Process according to claim 2, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.03 and 0.6 mol.l⁻¹.

15. Process according to claim 2, in which contact is made at a temperature of between 5 and 50 °C.

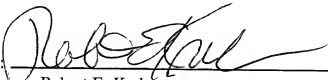
16. Process for decontaminating circuits in nuclear fuel reprocessing plants, in which the said process comprises the implementation of a process according to claim 11.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 4-6 and 12 have been amended as follows:

4. Process according to claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.01 and 6 mol.l⁻¹.
5. Process according to claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, in which the said aqueous solution has a concentration of OH ions of between 0.03 and 0.6 mol.l⁻¹.
6. Process according to claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, in which contact is made at a temperature of between 5 and 50 °C.
12. Process for decontaminating circuits in nuclear fuel reprocessing plants, in which the said process comprises the implementation of a process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 11.

Claims 13-16 have been added.